

BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Broughton Parish Council Meeting held at Broughton Chapel Room, 7pm, Thursday 17th April 2025

Councillors Present:

Cllr P. Scouse (Chair)

Cllr R. Shrive

Cllr B Davies

Cllr. H. Bull

Cllr M. Rose

Ward Councillors present:

None were present

1/25. Apologies.

None were received

2/25. Declarations of Interest.

No declarations were declared

3/25. Minutes to be resolved.

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 20th March 2025 and copies were circulated. The minutes were approved by members and were authorised for signature by the chair. **RESOLVED.**

BPC - Broughton Parish Council.

NNC - North Northamptonshire Council.

SID – Speed Indicator Device

4/25. Elections 2025 – Statement of persons nominated

Local government election

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Local government election			
Parish council name:	Broughton Parish Council		
Name of ward:			
Date of election:	Thursday 1 May 2025		
The following people have been or stand nominated for election to this parish. Those who no longer stand nominated have a comment in the right hand column.			
Candidate name	Address of candidate	Description of candidate	Reason why candidate no longer nominated
BULL Hilary June	(address in North Northamptonshire)		
DAVIES Beverley Anne	(address in North Northamptonshire)	Independent	
GRAY Mark	(address in North Northamptonshire)		
ROSE Martin Charles	23 Glebe Avenue, Broughton, NN14 1NE		
SCOUSE Patricia Anne	(address in North Northamptonshire)		
SHRIVE Robin Ian	72 Gotch Road, Barton Seagrave, NN15 6UQ		
TAYLOR Carol Ann	(address in North Northamptonshire)		
TEMPEST Andrew John	(address in North Northamptonshire)		

As Broughton Parish Council still has vacancies to fill, BPC has been declared as an uncontested election so will not go to the poll.

Co-option of councillors can be applied after 6th May 2025 when the previous councillors step down and the nominated ones take up their positions

It was agreed to maintain vacancy adverts on the website and noticeboard until vacancies are filled.

As the boundary changes come into force, Broughton will now fall under Rothwell & Mawsley Ward so will have new ward councillors. All agreed when the May meeting is due, the clerk will send out the agenda as usual but also let the new ward councillors know the BPC would expect them to attend all parish meetings.

5/25. Declaration of acceptance.

Declaration of Acceptance, Code of Conducts and Register of Pecuniary Interests will be circulated for completion at the May meeting

6/25. Public right to speak.

No public were in attendance

7/25. Report from clerk & correspondence

Clerk Report

The clerk received notification of uncontested election. See above 4/25

The clerk has learnt that there is an IT problem with all NNC online forms. Forms are being filled in by the public but the relevant departments are not getting notified nor receiving applications. This has been ongoing since at least April. This is not the case with emails.

The clerk wrote to the planning department on 2nd April to ask if they have given permission for the Morrisons Daily store to open 24 hours. Chased 10/04/25 and has still not received an answer. Clerk will now email again and cc in Kerry Purnell. If they have not responded by June, BPC will go to the press about all the unanswered emails from all departments.

- Cllr Scouse reported some fly tipping FLY698851074.
- The area surrounding the manhole cover is breaking up. Ref 7315747
- A stretch of road is breaking up. Ref 7315767
- Three drop down posts which were installed to prevent incursion while allowing mowers to cut the grass. Ref 7409089
- Bins overflowing. Ref: CSC704117464.
- Cllr Shrive reported the ivy growing over the stone wall which is damaging it Ref 7336024. – NNC inspected but reported back stating the ivy is not bad enough yet.

April 2025 correspondence

- Update from the leader 04/04/2025. 17/04/2025
- Kettering East LAP Follow Up 13.03.25
- Nominations - Vacancies to fill – NCALC
- Fire Service launches public consultation for CRMP and standards of response

8/25. Reports from external meetings

Cllr Scouse attended the Licence hearing for 25/00207/LAPVAR, Morrisons Daily, 19 High Street, Broughton. PROPOSAL: Premises Full Variation. Extend Opening Times.

The Committee approved the licence amidst a "debacle" where residents raising concerns about noise, light, and ASB were silenced by the Chair. This flawed process, disregarding policy, led to a formal complaint directly to NNC Jonathan Ekins, Jennie Bone, Dorothy Maxwell, Democratic services, Maddie Homer.

Only Iain Smith had the courtesy to reply with an unsatisfactory response. It was noted Democratic Services did not reply at all.

Cllrs Rose, Scouse and Bull met with the residents of Glebe Avenue regarding the corner of Glebe Avenue/Church Street. NNC Enforcement Officer, Lorcan Lynch was in attendance and will make some enquiries about the land. **Action: Clerk to follow up in 2 weeks if no response.**

Clerk to look for odd correspondence from BPC between KBC and BPC regarding Common Land.

9/25. – Village Map project – report from working group

Cllr Shrive has asked the Blacksmith to remove the map as it proved too difficult to take out. He will try next week.

10/25. Housing Needs Survey

The report is nearly complete, all bar the inclusion of the housing register data which has been requested from North Northants Council. Surveys that were not completed in full have also been contacted to verify their housing needs, otherwise it is noted they will not be accounted for.

11/25. – Winter light project update

Liam Faulkner confirmed an inspection of the tree outside the bungalows has been undertaken and there are no plans to remove the tree, nor are there any planned or identified works currently outstanding.

Action: Clerk to enquire about an unmetered supply of electricity for the High street. Cllr Shrive will report number.

12/25. – Traffic calming project – report from working group and NNC Highways

BPC Councillors meet with Matt Barrett for an onsite meeting and agreed the Northampton Road scheme. Works will commence in the summer but there are no accurate costings yet. Also discussed were possible calming measures for Kettering Road

It was noted that Scaldwell and Kings Cliffe roads have been completely resurfaced. **Action: Clerk to ask Sarah Barnwell on the qualifications to get whole roads resurfaced.**

13/25. – High Street Playground Equipment

It was agreed to ask NNC for a letter of support for grant scheme purposes and clerk to start looking for funding streams.

Action: Clerk to contact Rothwell Town Council and ask how their playground is being funded and arrangement for future maintenance.

14/25. To resolve to sign the T&C's to release Members empowerment Fund

It was **Resolved** for the chair to sign the T&C's after a slight amendment of the Project brief "Improvement to access to parsons Spinney Pocket Park by installation of surfacing around pond to allow access for all." The clerk will now send back along with all relevant documentation.

15/25. Development control / Planning Report.

Planning applications

None

The Planning Portal does not seem to be working correctly so the clerk was unable to check on progress of decisions.

Planning Decisions

NK/2025/0068

LOCATION: Bessemer Road (land adj. to unit 2) Broughton

PROPOSAL: Outline Application: Reconfiguration of existing public EV Hub and development of a commercial fleet EV charging station with access only considered

NK/2025/0075

LOCATION: Rathmine Lodge, 42 High Street

PROPOSAL: Full. Conversion of existing house into 3 no. dwellings with associated parking

Supported

NK/2025/0047

LOCATION: 37 Church Street

PROPOSAL: Notification of Works to Trees in Conservation Areas: T1-T6 Sycamore - re-pollard to previous points; T7 Holly - crown reduction by approximately 3m

Target decision date: 13/03/2025

No comment

25/00207/LAPVAR

LOCATION: Morrisons Daily, 19 High Street, Broughton

PROPOSAL: Premises Full Variation. Extend Opening Times

- Monday to Sunday - 00:00 - 23:59
Extend Sale Of Alcohol Times - Monday to Sunday : 00:00 - 23:59
Add Late Night Refreshment - Monday to Sunday : 23:00 - 05:00
Change to Layout Of Store

Approved

16/25. AGAR 24/25 and appointment of Internal Auditor

The AGAR has now been completed and accounts balanced and agreed.

Total income for 24/25 was £15,095.00

Total expenditure for 24/25 was £12,372.00

The Memorial garden project was completed in 24/25. Budget was £1000.00 and total spent was £724.32 bringing the project under by £275.68.

It was **Resolved** to appoint Tino La Torre as Internal Auditor with no payment as requested.

The Exercise of Public Rights will commence on Tuesday 3 June and end on Monday 14 July 2025. This notice will be put on the website and Notice Board

17/25. Finance Report - to note expenditure for March

April 2025 statements

Nationwide 125-day saver - £17,817.63

Nationwide 35-day saver - £5,194.28

Community – £15,770.25

Credits to Nationwide 125 day-saver account – 4.05% Dec 2024. The new rate from 16th April will be 3.85%

Interest		£724.45
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Credits to Nationwide 35 day-saver account – 3.10% Dec 2024. The new rate from 16th April will be 2.95%

Interest		£163.99
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Credits to Community account

Hugo Fox	17 th March 2025	20.99
Hugo Fox		

Payments issued from Community account.

Payee	Method	Amount
Salary - mth 1	Bank transfer	£433.42
HMRC income tax	Bank transfer	£108.20
A McDaid home working £12.00	Bank transfer	£12.00
NACRE	Bank transfer	£42.00
Bus Shelter	Bank transfer	£65.00
ICO	Card payment	£52.00
EE Ltd	Direct Debit	£6.88
Hugo Fox	Direct Debit	£11.99

Cllr Scouse to authorise payments this month.

The Section 137 spending limit is £11.10 per elector for 2025/26.

18/25. Items for consideration at next meeting

HNS

Pocket park

NNC Services

19/25. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 15th May 2025

The meeting was closed at 8:25pm

Signed:

Dated: